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# Calhoun County School District

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**Section:** E Business Management

**Policy Code:** EEAC Student Charged Meals

**Policy:**

#### Student Charged Meals

**FNS Instruction 796-2 (Rev. 3) lists bad debts as a non-allowable expenditure of Federal Funds. Therefore, losses or meals charged cannot be paid with Child Nutrition Funds.**

#### Student Accounts and Meal Charges:

Calhoun County School District will comply with Board Policy EEAC as follows:

- A. Adults are not allowed to charge meals or solicit food from students.
- B. Students may charge meals as follows:
  - Students receiving free meals will not be allowed to charge extra items or ice cream. Reduced and Full Paid students will not be allowed to charge a second meal, extra items or ice cream if they have a zero or negative account balance.
  - There is a \$20.00 charge limit assigned to Reduced and Full Paid accounts. Charging a reimbursable meal will result in a negative balance on the student's account until funds are added to the account. A reimbursable meal of the student's choice will be served to students until the \$20.00 charge limit is reached.
  - Charge notes will be sent home with students who have a negative account balance from the cafeteria manager. Calls and/or emails will be sent to parent(s)/guardian(s) in attempt to collect money.
  - Once the charge limit is reached, the student will be served a low-cost alternate reimbursable meal consisting of a sandwich, fruit and a carton of milk.
  - Children with Disabilities that have reached the charge limit and will be served an alternate meal will have access to a meal safe to consume.
  - When a student brings money, that money will first be applied to the purchase of a reimbursable meal; any remainder money will then be applied to negative balances on the student's account.
- C. Charging will not be permitted after May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year to allow adequate time to collect student account balances.
- D. Parents/Guardians may be reported to Department of Human Services at the discretion of the Manager and/or School Food Service Administrator.
- E. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are strongly encouraged to register for a free account on the school meal online payment center, myschoolbucks.com.

**Exhibits:**

**Regulations:**

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